**SAMPLE LETTER FROM BNG SUPPORTERS**

**TO GO BY POST (preferably) TO**:

Leader of Council Cabinet – **Councillor Isobel Darby** -  idarby@chiltern.gov.uk (or email or both!)

At

**Chiltern District Council Offices,**

**King George V Road,**

**Amersham,**

**Bucks HP6 5AW** [ *NB The highlighted closing paragraph in* ***bold*** *is vital*.]

**And/or**

The Relevant Councillor (see - <https://isa.chiltern.gov.uk/democracy/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1> )

**And/or**

**Mr John Cheston -** Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager - Jcheston@chiltern.gov.uk

Dear Mrs Darby,

I am writing about the lack of progress with the emerging new Local Plan and specifically the prevailing proposals that threaten Green Belt land North East of Chesham where I understand nearly 60 ha are STILL being considered for removal from Green Belt protection.

I have heard the local Brown Not Green campaign advancing some very persuasive arguments as to why this land around Chesham is inappropriate for removal from Green Belt designation in order to be safeguarded for future development.

These include;

* apparent inconsistency with the revised NPPF & other guidance to prevent sprawl,
* the unsustainable nature of the location being too far from the town centre & shops etc,
* the absence of any exceptional circumstances being provided by the Council for this site despite the passage of yet another year of uncertainty for those living nearby,
* The effects that development would have on traffic generation, congestion and strain on prevailing infrastructure,
* expert opinions relating to the adverse effects on air quality and the existing Air Quality Management Area that already prevails in Chesham,
* Council’s own advisors reporting over a year ago that the site should only accommodate circa 100 homes on approx. 8% of the site yet the Council are still considering removing 100% of the site from Green Belt protection,
* The effect on local wildlife, flora, fauna & the valued landscape there and adjacent to it.

However, this matter remains unresolved with all the land still remaining under threat.

**I therefore write to request that the Council now reconsider the flawed proposal NE of Chesham and request that you remove this land from any further consideration of development or the removal of the land’s Green Belt status.**

Thank you.